

I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's announced plan to force their stations to broadcast what is widely regarded as a one-sided political "documentary" a few days before the election. Because the public has allowed them free use of the available broadcast bandwidth they have a statutory obligation to even-handed public service. This brazen plan is clearly a political contribution in the guise of "news service" and cannot be allowed to stand.

This issue must be addressed in the short term and in the long term. Consolidation of media outlets into the hands of a few is clearly bad for the American people, whom you are charged, as part of the Executive Branch, to serve and protect. It also suggests that the licensing procedures we use should be more participatory, particularly at the local level.

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